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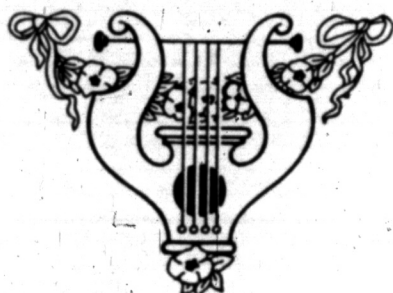
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## PROCEEDINGS

Oakgrove Church, Whitesand, Miss., Sept. 24, 1920.

Jefferson Davis County Baptist Association met this day with Oakgrove Church in its eighth annual session, at 10 o'clock A. M., officers present, viz.: A. H. Dale, Moderator, and J. W. Burrow, Clerk.

The congregation after singing several songs, prayer by Brother J. O. Buckley, and by request of the moderator, Brother J. A. Lee, conducted the devotional exercises, reading for the morning lesson 133rd and 134th Psalms; prayer by J. A. Lee.

The Moderator called the Association to order and appointed the following brethren as a committee on finance: viz: J. A. Murray, S. Clark and J. L. Speights.

Brethren J. A. Lee and J. O. Buckley were appointed to read the associational church letters.

The letter from each church was called for and read, the clerk enrolled the names of the messengers present from each church as follows, viz:

**ANTIOCH**—J. E. Jackson, R. H. Sinclair, R. H. Polk and J. P. McNease.

**BETHANY**—J. O. Buckley, J. J. Chance, W. H. Stamps, Geo. S. Mikell and J. W. Burrow.

**BASSFIELD**—L. C. Burkett, H. J. Magee, B. N. Martin and S. Clark.

**CARSON**—W. H. Izard, D. Vinson and Burt King.

**EBENEZER**—R. E. Sinclair, F. A. Hathorn, S. H. Shivers and I. W. Allen.

**HEBRON**—A. H. Dale, Lee Hutchins, W. C. Hutchins, S. B. Bishop, E. H. Walker, A. C. Berry and J. A. Murray.

**HEBZIBAH**—W. L. Daniels, J. F. Speights, A. W. Toler, J. H. Fortenberry, J. L. Speights, and I. E. Fortenberry.



OAK GROVE—Huston Bozeman, Franklin Lane and H. T. Griffith.

PHALTI—R. E. L. Polk, L. J. Parish, W. D. Griffith and R. C. Stewart.

PRENTISS—John C. Polk, J. N. Sutton, G. L. Martin, A. B. Mikell, A. M. Polk and J. A. Lee.

SOCIETY HILL—J. M. Fortenberry, L. R. Upton, D. D. Fortenberry, Fleet Parkman and H. C. Williamson.

VICTORY—J. L. Dewitt and Stanley Dean.

WHITESAND—D. W. Weathersby, F. J. Lee, Edgar Lee, L. A. Miller, E. A. Burrow and R. B. Dale.

Petitionary letters called for: Brother S. V. Toler presented the petition and letter of Hathorn Church. On motion, Hathorn church was received and welcomed as a member of this association, messengers enrolled as follows:

HATHORN—S. V. Toler and O. H. Toler.

On motion, the rules of the association were suspended and the officers elected by acclamation.

On motion Brother A. H. Dale was re-elected Moderator; J. W. Burrow, Clerk, and L. C. Burkett, Treasurer.

Received correspondence as follows: J. B. Lawrence, Cor. Sec'y.; W. W. Kyzer, Enlistment Secretary; J. R. Carter, representing Baptist Hospital; Miss Fannie Traylor, representing Woman's Work.

Messengers present from other Associations: Brethren C. H. Mize, D. M. Lee and W. C. Atwood from Lawrence County Association; J. P. Williams from Strong River Association.

On motion the following was adopted: Resolved that any member of this association who is in good standing with his church is hereby authorized to represent this association in any of the fraternal bodies with which we correspond.

On motion, the Moderator was authorized to appoint such committees as he deemed necessary.

The following brethren were appointed as a Committee on Nominations: W. H. Izard, L. C. Burkett, Henry Fortenberry.

The pastor and the deacons of this church were appointed as a Committee on Religious Exercises.

On motion, further business of the Association was suspended to listen to the preaching of the associational sermon, the sermon was preached by Rev. J. O. Buckley, using as a text the 14th verse of 6th Chapter of Gallatians. Prayer by Brother J. A. Lee.

After announcements, on motion, recessed until 1:30 P. M.  
Benediction by Brother Henry Fortenberry.

#### FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Song service, prayer by W. W. Kyzer.

The Association was called to order and ready for the transaction of business.

On motion, Saturday morning at 10:30 A. M., was made the special hour for the reading of the reports on Home, State and Foreign Missions.

Brother D. M. Lee was appointed to write the report on Ministerial Relief.

Brother S. B. Bishop read the report on Church Discipline, and was spoken to by Brother D. M. Lee, on motion adopted as follows:

#### CHURCH DISCIPLINE

It goes without argument that discipline is necessary. All organizations have an expressed purpose and rules governing them.

Discipline is training to act in accordance with established rules.

In its comprehensive sense church discipline is both formative and corrective.

Formative discipline is the state of progressive spiritual improvement brought about by the knowledge of God's word, service and devotion rendered unto Him.

We very often hear it said that our churches are without discipline today. This is due to the facts that we do not have as many of those

long drawn out trials in conference as we use to have which are many times unwisely, and unscripturally conducted—hurtful in many cases to both church and offender, and that people confine themselves largely in their thinking to corrective discipline alone. Our pastors and other leaders are constantly preaching and exhorting both orally and writtenly to the church members that we should broaden our knowledge of God's will, deepen our consecration to Him and enlarge our service which brings about the highest type of discipline.

We can only eliminate sin and imperfection in this way. A new day has dawned upon us. We realize that our people perish for the want of knowledge. They must be dealt with patiently, exhorted kindly, until they come in the knowledge and fullness of Christ. A great task lies out before us which we are not ignoring nor neglecting.

There is corrective discipline which has to deal with offenses both personal and general. Our experience in the past has taught us that we dealt with the offended brother many times too rashly and unscripturally. It takes spiritual mindness, a realization on the part of the church that we are working for the good of the cause, and on the part of the offender that we have no personal prejudice against him but working for his or her good as well as the church. A great task lies out before us in correcting our church members. Let us not neglect it, but do it wisely and scripturally.

Respectfully submitted,

S. B. BISHOP.

Brother F. J. Lee read the report on the B. Y. P. U. work, and was discussed by him, L. C. Burkett and J. A. Lee, on motion the report was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT ON B. Y. P. U. WORK.

The B. Y. P. U. holds as its chief aim the training of young Christians in church membership. Baptist churches are democracies. The first essential in a successful democracy is intelligence. The B. Y. P. U. is the chief agency of Baptist churches in building an intelligent church membership.

The success of the 75 Million Campaign demonstrates the value of training such as the B. Y. P. U. gives. The campaign headquarters gives out the statement that where churches had B. Y. P. U.'s operating successfully no trouble was had in reaching their quota. It was a campaign of enlistment in Christian living and Christian giving, and that is the work of the B. Y. P. U. Every phase of the B. Y. P. U. work is that of enlistment—enlistment in service, in Bible reading, in co-operation, in singing, in committee work, and in giving. Practically all of our A-1 Unions report an average of more than 90 per cent givers and many of them report 100 per cent.

Of the 6,000 volunteers in answer to the "Calling out the Called" a



large per cent were young men and young women who had received B. Y. P. U. training. As a result of a lesson in the B. Y. P. U. quarterly of February 15, 1920 on "Stewardship of Life" more than 500 young people wrote the Sunday School Board for literature and suggestions that would help them train for the ministry or for mission work. These facts show that young people come to decision for Christian service in the B. Y. P. U. as a result of the lessons in the quarterly, the Daily Bible Readings with their devotional appeal, and the joy of service which they experience is doing church work at home.

The B. Y. P. U. work is increasing in popularity as it is being studied and understood. The circulation of the B. Y. P. U. quarterly has reached 200,000, the number of B. Y. P. U.'s in the South is 7,000, or an average of one B. Y. P. U. to every three churches, Mississippi is not behind the other states. Last year at the State Convention an increase of 100 per cent in the number of unions was reported. The goal for this year is an additional increase of 100 per cent. If we reach our goal, we will have more than 500 unions in the state.

Our plan for extension work is on the county basis. Live B. Y. P. U.'s are going out and helping in the organization of unions wherever there is an opportunity. After several unions have been organized in a county, a county convention is organized. The county is divided into groups with a group captain over each group of churches, with the task of putting one or more B. Y. P. U.'s in every church in his group. These county conventions head up in the State Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Convention, which meets annually. Several counties have organized this summer and our state secretary plans to organize every county in the state in this manner. Let us as an association, as churches, and as individual members of these churches realize the need of training our young members and let us back up the program outlined by our Board and B. Y. P. U. Secretary.

Any information relative to the Junior B. Y. P. U. work, the Senior B. Y. P. U. work, or the county organization can be had from our State B. Y. P. U. Secretary, Auber J. Wilds, Oxford, Miss. Free literature on how to organize will be sent upon request.

Respectfully submitted,

F. J. LEE.

Brother D. M. Lee read the report on Ministerial Relief, and was spoken to by him and J. A. Lee; on motion the report was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF

Your committee on Ministerial Relief begs to submit the following:

We believe that the minister, who has come to his day of retirement or who, for any reason, has become disabled, is in every way worthy of our sympathy, prayer and financial support. The same is

true of their widows and orphan children. These men and women were faithful to God and His cause in the midst of the greatest sacrifices in laying the foundation for the work of Christ in this state, and surely they should receive our hearty support in their declining years. Other Christian organizations are far ahead of us in this department of work and in the discharge of this Christian obligation. Even railroads and some other business and worldly institutions care for their old and faithful employees. We should not only strive to emulate these, but we should furnish our old heroes of the faith, the support they so richly deserve.

The new Relief and Annuity Board of the S. B. Convention, which is located at Dallas, Texas, has taken over the work formerly done in our State, and is succeeding well. The stipends paid the Mississippi beneficiaries have been increased 45 per cent since the Relief and Annuity Board took over the work. The beneficiaries are now being paid bi-monthly instead of quarterly, as formerly, and are receiving from \$12 to \$18 per month.

This Board, besides providing a Relief Fund, has established also an Annuity Fund. This Fund embodies a contributory pension idea, which permits ministers, by making regular annual, semi-annual or quarterly payments, to provide in part for their own day and disability. For the minister who has become disabled, at any time after becoming a member of the fund, the plan provides a disability annuity benefit. It is well worth while for all our brethren in the ministry to investigate this Annuity Fund, and see if it will not be of wisdom on their part to thus look after the future of his own household.

Respectfully submitted,

D. M. LEE.

Brother G. L. Martin read the report on Ministerial Education, and was discussed by him, J. O. Buckley and W. W. Kyzar; on motion the report was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The past session ending May 31, 1920, was a good one at both Mississippi and Clarke Colleges. 77 ministerial students were enrolled at Mississippi College and 37 at Clarke, making 114 in all.

#### FINANCIAL

We began last year's work with an indebtedness of \$2,253.45, but soon after the school opened we were able to pay \$800 on it, thus reducing it to \$1,453.45. But after all of the applications were received and the students began to receive their monthly allowances we were compelled to borrow \$1,046.55. The entire indebtedness against our Board now is \$2,500, all of which, if we receive the \$10,000 from the 75 Million Campaign which the State Convention granted us, will be

paid by the time the Convention meets this fall. At the beginning of the year we had a balance of \$296.59 on hand, received \$6,334.12 from the Convention Board, \$46.54 from other sources, and borrowed \$1,046.55, making our receipts total \$7,723.80. We paid to the 35 students in Mississippi College \$2,979.90, or an average of \$85.14 to each man. The 25 students at Clarke College received \$1,834.40, or \$73.37 per man. We paid \$169.95 for insurance, \$675.09 for repairs and improvements, \$182.90 for rent, \$80.15 for water, \$199.98 for incidentals, \$800 on note, \$96.60 for interest and have on hand subject to check \$704.84.

#### THE OUTLOOK.

President Provine and Dr. Beasley say that from present indications they will have more ministerial students this fall than ever before, and that a large percentage of them have families too. The housing question at both places has become a perplexing problem. Clarke College advises that they have been compelled to turn away at least a dozen families already for the reason that they have nowhere for them to live. All houses in Clinton are full, but they are going to try to take care of a few more families yet. Dr. Provine says: "We will find a place somewhere." We are going to be compelled to either build some new houses or buy some already built or say no to a number of men who say God has called them to preach. And if we build where is the money to come from? We must either stop calling out the called, or write a larger budget for them. Which shall it be? The brethren must answer.

Mr. Will Dockery, of Dockery, Miss., has promised to turn over to us about January 1, 1921, the sum of \$25,000 which we are to loan to worthy young ministers at 5%, no student to receive more than \$250 any single year, and no year to use more than one-fifth of the total amount.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES LAIRD.

On motion Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock was made the special hour for the report of the Seventy-five Million campaign report.

Mrs. J. A. Lee read the report on Woman's Work, and was spoken to by Brother W. W. Kyzar; on motion the report was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

Your committee on Woman's Work begs to submit the following:

There has been no year in the history of the Woman's Missionary Union like unto this year. God's smile of approval upon the plans and purposes of His handmaidens to carry out their part of the work that pertains to the advancement of His Kingdom, has been most evident.



There has never been a year like unto this year in which the women have shown their interest in the advancement of His Kingdom by the expression of their desire for information. Mission study classes have been organized in more than three-fourths of the societies. Certificates and seals have been granted to approximately 800 women, 500 young women, 50 boys and girls and 14 Sunbeams. It is recommended that this fiscal year which ends May 1st, we attempt to have an average of ten members in a mission study class in each organization in the state.

Our women have shown their interest in the advancement of His Kingdom by the number of organizations for our young people. At the Southern Baptist Convention of Washington, Mississippi was given two banners, for having made the greatest per cent increase during the year in the number of Sunbeam Bands and Girl's Auxilliaries. No society can now attain the Standard of Excellence that has not at least one of the Auxilliaries. Hence it is urged—not for this reason but rather because of the great need of our young people receiving mission information—it is urged that each church foster the Auxilliaries.

The 75 Million Campaign has perhaps meant more to the Woman's Missionary Union than any other plan of work that that has ever been attempted. Women have realized as never before their duty as stewards and that their greatest stewardship is rendered by service. However the fulfillment of all pledges is the ideal of every Baptist woman's heart. And each organization feels constrained to urge the fulfillment of not only the pledges of the women and children, but of the entire church.

Among the phases of Personal Service that are undertaken this year are, 1st, the sending of four girls to our colleges for the purpose of preparing them to enter the Training School later and then to take up mission work. 2nd, the preparation of hospital supplies in the shape of bandages, towels, garments, etc., to be sent to a hospital in China. It is recommended that all pastors and brethren everywhere help those women in the Lord, who serve under and with them, in carrying out these two projects.

More and more it is realized that family religion is a crying need of the day, therefore societies everywhere are urged to make a special effort to secure the erection of as many family alters as possible. Again the brethren are urged to co-operate with the women in the homes and in the churches in this work.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. A. LEE.

On motion, adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9:30.

Prayer by Brother J. A. Lee.

## SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Song service; prayer by Brother Henry Fortenberry, and by request, Brother W. W. Kyzar conducted the devotional exercises reading for the morning lesson, part 12th chapter, first Corinthians. Prayer by Brother A. H. Dale.

The Association was called to order and ready for the transaction of business.

Minutes of first day's session read, corrected and approved.

Brother L. C. Burkett read the report on hospitals and was discussed by Brethren J. R. Carter, C. W. Black and J. P. Williams. Pending the discussion of this report, on motion, the time was extended ten minutes for further discussion; on motion adopted as follows:

### REPORT ON HOSPITALS

I believe the Baptist Hospitals built by the Mississippi Baptists, were established by Divine guidance. The work that these hospitals are doing have the approval of our Saviour, for He went about teaching, preaching, and healing. He healed by word or by touch. The hospitals heal through the skill of a physician, and the ministration of a nurse

The Baptists of Mississippi are interested in two hospitals; namely, Mississippi Baptist Hospital at Jackson, and the Baptist Memorial Hospital at Memphis, Tenn. But the hospital that is nearest, and dearest to our hearts is at Jackson.

Bro. M. K. Thornton, a very able preacher, is superintendent; and is getting the work well in hand. There are about 20 young ladies in training as student nurses. The young women must be the highest type of character before entering into training. This must be the standard, for attention is given to another phase of work.

In the above statement, one will believe attention is given to the religious side of life, both among the patients and employees. The superintendent has prayer with the sick where he thinks it will do good, and always speaks a word of cheer to the patients. He gives one evening a week to Bible study and prayer with the employees. In fact, this is a religious institution, as well as a place where the sick can be nursed back to health.

In looking at the statistics this has been a good year in every way. From Jan. to Aug. 609 patients had come and gone from the hospital. Among this number 75 were charity. Only six of the 609 patients died. The income from the patients during the 8 months was \$21,000.00; this about met all expenses.

The hospital authorities bought the Swep Taylor residence, to be used as a nurses home. The property cost \$13,500 and an adjacent lot for \$1500, making a total of \$15,000. It is a good real estate investment, besides making a nice home for the nurses.

Now I will read a few notes about our Baptist Memorial Hospital at Memphis. They were wonderfully blessed by the 75 Million Campaign from Tennessee, and by the gift of their good friend, Mr. E. A. Jennings. They actually received in cash and pledges \$1,300,000.00. They had another close friend, Mr. Will Dockery, who built the nurses' home, and it is called The Dockery Home, in memory of his wife.

This is a large hospital. They have a training school for nurses. There will be room for 175 pupils when the housing capacity of 450 beds is completed. Last year was the largest in history of the institution. 7858 patients were admitted, 1248 were treated free of charge.

These institutions are blessing the country by taking care of the sick and lame. They are asking us for our prayers; and we should pray for them. All Baptist should rejoice that these two institutions are ours; ministering in the name of our Christ, to all people of all names and class.

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. APPLEWHITE.

Brother J. A. Lee read the report on Foreign Missions; J. O. Buckley read the report on State Missions, L. A. Miller read the report on Home Missions; these reports were spoken to by Brethren J. A. Lee, J. P. Williams, C. H. Mize and J. O. Buckley. The special hour for the reading and discussion of these reports having expired, on motion, the time was extended ten minutes for further discussion. On motion, each of the reports were adopted as follows:

#### HOME MISSION REPORT.

The foundations of America are fundamentally religious, and the spirit which may be trusted adequately to safeguard them is that Christian patriotism.

Following the World War and in the midst of reconstruction problems, thousands of our people have made a new dedication of themselves to this Christian Americanism, and in no section more than in the South, where the largest proportion of native Americans reside. They purpose to safeguard American liberties by safeguarding that faith which alone made those liberties possible, and to keep lighted in America a beacon of liberty which shall shine out across the seas to cheer and bless peoples who grope in darkness.

Christian Americanism is the work of Home Missions, which by bringing men to Christ, creates that righteousness that exalteth a na-



tion. Our Baptist Home Mission Board is the outstanding agency of Southern Baptists for making America Christian. It has a great record of successful service, but is now entering on a time of even larger opportunity and need.

In 1919 the missionaries of our Board baptized one convert for every three received into our churches. Regularly they baptize from twenty to twenty-five per cent as many converts as the entire number who enter our churches. For fifteen years its Evangelists have averaged 450 baptisms per year per worker, a record far outstripping that of any other similar agency. Its system of Mountain Schools is larger than any other and is the acknowledged standard in adaptability. Its Enlistment work is rapidly bringing a more adequate standard of spiritual instruction and effectiveness in hundreds of churches. Its Church Extension work has grown from infancy to lusty strength in a period of only a few years.

Recently the Board has also far surpassed its own fine record. Within the last seven years of its history of seventy-five years its missionaries have baptized 94.5 percent as many converts as were baptized in the first sixty-eight years.

In soul-winning and nation-serving; in teaching the truth of Christ and conserving it; in building Christians up and maturing for the State the type of character that makes our Republic great, and in the end, must save it from disintegration, our Board has been wonderfully used of God.

Every loyal Baptist will rejoice in the admirable efforts of our Board to meet the crucial needs of these days by enlarging its work. At its annual meeting in Atlanta in June, after long and painstaking efforts to reduce the appropriations as far as possible, the brethren of the Board found that \$2,875,000 was necessary for the work of the present year. Even with this appropriation, it had to decline many worthy appeals to enter wide open doors.

We commend our Board for its faith and vision in grappling the stupendous tasks that now confront us and in believing that our people will respond to such leadership. We recommend that constant prayers be made for the Board, for its missionaries and for its work, and that we give it large and sustained support through our gifts to the 75 Million Campaign.

We commend to our people the admirable Mission Study Books of the Board, through which a true view is presented of the large problems we confront, and recommend that pastors, superintendents, mission society leaders and others write often for the large and splendid assortment of free tracts about its work and the needs, which our Board gladly furnishes on request.

The executive officer of the Board is Dr. D. B. Gray, Corresponding Secretary, Healey Building, Atlanta, Ga. For tracts, books, informa-

tion, etc., address Publicity Department, Baptist Home Mission Board, Healey Building, Atlanta, Ga.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. MILLER.

### REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Our State Mission work by order of the Convention is divided into the following departments: (1) Church Extension, embracing pastors support and church building; (2) Enlistment and Associational Mission work; (3) Sunday School work; (4) B. Y. P. U. work; (5) Publications; (6) Preachers Schools; (7) Educational Mission work; (8) Social Service. In addition to this there is assigned to the Convention Board and our State Mission forces the task of putting on all denominational programs launched by the Convention, keeping the 75 Million Campaign prominently before our churches and receiving, distributing and accounting for all the funds given on the 75 Million Campaign.

Our work this year is laid out on a basis of \$150,000 and the work being done by departments is as follows:

**I. CHURCH EXTENSION.** We are assisting 120 churches to pay their pastors, appropriating for this work \$28,000. This is a considerable increase over anything we have ever done before. Under this department we are also helping to build 37 houses of worship and have appropriated \$31,170 for this work. 12 of these churches which we are helping to build were blown away by the cyclone last spring.

**II. ENLISTMENT AND ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION WORK.** We have in the field six general enlistment missionaries, one in each of the six districts, and eighteen associational missionaries. It is difficult, if not impossible, to estimate the value of these men. Their task is the task assigned by the Master in the Great Commission. They are evangelists, teachers, pastors' helpers, church consellers and general denominational servants. In the future the key work in their work will be evangelism, which indeed is the very heart of all mission work.

**III. SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.** The work in our Sunday School Department has been very successful this year. Brother J. E. Byrd, Sunday Secretary, is assisted by Rev. S. G. Posey and Miss Minnie Brown. These workers have rendered most excellent service. In addition to the regular appointments and institutes held in local churches, they have conducted 35 county normals in which 518 diplomas and awards have been given. The key word in their work as it is in all of our work, is evangelism. Wherever they have gone they have stimulated the evangelistic spirit and in many places have had number of conversions.

**IV. W. M. U. WORK.** The Womans Missionary Union, under the leadership of Miss M. M. Lackey, Cor. Sec'y and Miss Fannie Traylor, Young Peoples' Leader, has had its greatest year of achievement. Three young women from the Training School have been teaching the W. M. U. Manual in the County Normals along with our

Sunday School workers, and 143 Certificates have been given as a result of this work. "Evangelism" is the key note of the Personal Service of the W. M. U.

V. B. Y. P. U. WORK. Brother Auber J. Wilds, Field Secretary of our B. Y. P. U. work, has been making splendid progress. A large number of county B. Y. P. U. Conventions have been organized and, in addition to the individual engagements and institutes held in local churches. Brother Wilds has taught classes at encampments and in county conventions. There is now a most excellent spirit and promise of great things in our B. Y. P. U. work.

VI. PREACHER SCHOOLS. Six preacher schools were held last March, at Hattiesburg, Brookhaven, Louisville, New Albany, Water Valley and Shelby. A most excellent program was carried out at each one of these schools and while the attendance was not large as it should have been, due to weather and road conditions, they accomplished real and lasting good.

VII. PUBLICATIONS. Under the head of publications we have the Baptist Record and our tract department. There will be a special report on the Record, to which we refer you for detailed information. Our tract department is very important part of our work. A special room has been fitted up in the headquarters building for tracts and a large stock of denominational tracts dealing with the doctrines, ordinances and work of our Baptist people. Our headquarters office has distributed tons of these tracts this year. Any pastor or church or individual can get them for the asking.

VIII. EDUCATIONAL MISSION WORK. The last State Convention instructed the Mission Board to put in the field a student secretary to work among Baptist students in the state institutions of learning. Rev. Norris Palmer, a graduate of Mississippi College and a young man of splendid endowments, was selected and has accepted the position. It will be his task to organize for Baptist kingdom our Baptist boys and girls in our state colleges. The Y. M. C. A. has assumed to take charge of them and to train them for inter-church and no-church movements. Present world conditions demand that we push this work.

IX. WORK AMONG NEGROES AND INDIANS. We are also doing work among the negroes, holding Bible institutes for their preachers and assisting in the payment of a field missionary. In addition to this we help pay the theological professor at Jackson College. We have also a full-fledged Indian missionary working among the Choctaws. This is in addition to the work which is being done by the Home Mission Board. We are working in closest co-operation with this Board.

X. EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN. We want to call special attention to our evangelistic campaign which is a part of our enlistment and educational mission work. In the campaign this year we have had the most enthusiastic co-operation of the churches and pastors. Out of the 1600 churches in Mississippi we had listed in our office 1200 meetings. When we remember that at least 200 of our town and city



churches hold their meetings in the fall and winter, it will be seen that we had meetings listed this year from practically every church in the state. Up to September 1st we had received reports from 558 meetings, which showed 7068 additions. Taking this as a guide, the campaign should result in over 12,000 additions to the churches. Never before in our history have we been able to make such a showing as this. The Lord be praised.

We make the following recommendations:

1. That our State Mission Work be kept before our people; that our pastors preach on it; that tracts be distributed among the members and the Baptist Record, which is a part of our work and which carries information concerning State Mission work, be put in the homes of the members either on the club plan or on the budget plan.
2. That our churches be requested to consider the advisability of co-operating with one another in the formation of fields so that more efficient pastoral work may be done in the country districts.
3. That whatever possible country churches should consider the advisability of building homes and locating their pastors among them.
4. That we commend the evangelistic campaign as conducted this year by the State Convention Board and recommend that a similar campaign be carried on each year.
5. We recommend that evangelism be made the key word in all of our epistolary and denominational work and that whatever we do shall revolve around the larger and primary task of reaching the lost with the gospel of Christ.
6. We suggest that our pastors call attention to our work among Baptist students in State institutions, urging upon the Baptist young men and women who attend these institutions to co-operate with our student secretary in every way possible.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. BUCKLY.

#### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The statistics of the Foreign Mission Board, published May, 1920, show we have 542 churches on foreign lands, one-fourth of which are self-supporting, more than half of which worship in houses owned either by the Board or by these churches, 6,834 were baptised during 1919, the largest number ever reported in a single year. The total membership has now reached 57,438. These native churches contributed last year \$242,460, which represents a gift of \$4.22 per member. This is a good showing, when compared with the per capita gifts by Southern Baptists. The report of May, 1919, shows Southern Baptists gave \$6.19 per member.

The Sunday Schools now number 836, with an enrollment of 47,672 scholars. Comparing the number of Sunday School scholars with the total membership, we have 83 per cent enrolled in Sunday Schools

abroad, and 70 per cent enrolled in Sunday Schools in our Southern Baptist territory.

The school work has grown wonderfully. Last year the Board had 544 schools of all grades, from kindergarten to Theological Seminary, into which were gathered 18,514 students. These schools serve especially two great ends: They offer a fertile field of direct evangelistic effort and a training group for development of leaders. In these schools a very large per cent of our converts are made and, of course, from them must come the leaders. It is encouraging to note that in our ten Theological Training Schools there were enrolled 345 students.

We can hardly realize the sweep and importance of the medical work. We are astonished to know that our fourteen medical missionaries could give 205,098 treatments during 1919, but they did, and preached the gospel to many a patient under favorable conditions and sent the message into many a home which might have remained closed but for the effective medical missionary.

The 75 Million Campaign has brought a new day to the work of our great Board. Our foreign churches were so greatly inspired by the campaign at home that similar campaigns were organized in all our fields and more than a million dollars were pledged in these foreign lands. The blessed encouragement that the success of our campaign has brought to our foreign missionaries who represent us at the front should give great satisfaction to all who had a worthy share in the campaign at home. It should make us resolve to meet our pledges fully that these dear workers in the far lands may be strengthened in their glorious tasks. Let every church and individual adopt careful plans for the collection of all pledges and more, that there may be no lack.

Sixty-five new missionaries were appointed this year. A large percentage of these will go to China and Japan.

Thus the work grew under the favor of God. We see how it expands and we rejoice. Shall we not make His praise even more glorious by pressing forward now in the great day of our great advantage until "the whole earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of God as the waters cover the sea."

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. LEE.

After announcements, on motion recessed until 1:30 P. M.  
Benediction by Brother C. H. Mize.

## SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

Song service; prayer by Brother J. R. Carter.

The Association was called to order and ready for the transaction of business.

Brother L. C. Burkett read the report on Nominations; on motion the report was adopted as read, as follows:

#### REPORT ON NOMINATION.

We your committee on nomination submit the following report:

We recommend that the following brethren write reports on the following subjects: Missions J. O. Buckley; Religious Literature, G. L. Martin; Denominational Schools, C. V. Sutton; Ministerial Relief, J. P. Deer; Ministerial Education, J. H. Fortenberry; Hospitals, L. A. Miller; Womans Work, Mrs. Dr. Jim Magee; B. Y. P. U., Ed Broom; Sunday Schools, J. A. Lee; Orphanage, Donnie Daniels.

We recommend that Brother J. A. Lee preach the associational sermon. We recommend that A. H. Dale be our messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention, and that J. O. Buckley be alternate.

We recommend that the churches of this association make a contribution to defray the expenses of the messenger to the Convention, to be sent to the treasurer of this association not later than April 1, 1921.

Your committee also recommends that the next association meet with the Antioch church, on Friday before the fourth Sunday in Sept., 1921, at 10 o'clock.

J. H. FORTENBERRY,,  
W. H. IZARD,  
L. C. BURKETT,

Committee.

Brother J. P. Williams read the report on Religious Literature, and was spoken to by him, and J. A. Lee; on motion, the time was extended ten minutes for further discussion of this report, by Brother W. W. Kyzar. On motion the report was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE WHY READ?

The measure of your life is your contact with God and with the world in which you live. The agency which brings this contact is the printed page. By it the whole world is brought to your door.

To the Christian the real world is that of spiritual interests and activities. The measure of the Christians' life is his knowledge of it and contact with it. The best means of enlarging his contact with it is the Christian press. It brings the throbbing pulse of a world's need within easy reach of every man.

#### WHAT TO READ

Most that we know of any subject, whether farming, medicine, banking or what not, we learned from somebody else. This contact with others quickens our activities and exalts our aims. A Christian must read the best that other Christians are thinking and doing. So



a select church library is needed, and suitable books should be in the home, and every member of the family should have his own Bible.

God is revealed in the Bible and the Bible itself is being better understood by the progress of the Kingdom. The religious paper is the field-glass through which we watch the world's spiritual movements and discern how the battle goes. We are participants in a campaign for world conquest, and have no right to be slackers. The religious newspaper is the greatest light bearer against the world rulers of darkness. No man and no church can do his or its part without it.

#### THE BAPTIST RECORD

On January 1, 1919, The Baptist Record became the property of the Baptists of Mississippi. For forty years it has fought our battles for and ministered to the saints under private ownership. Now it is ours, it has paid for itself and paid expenses and now has a larger paid up circulation than ever in its history. Its usefulness and power can be doubled by the co-operation of the churches.

Many churches have put the Baptist Record into every family either by special offerings for the purpose or by including it in the budget, just as the pastor's salary is paid. In this way it costs only \$1.50. It can be done by any church.

#### OTHER LITERATURE

We expect of course every Sunday School to be supplied with literature from the Board in Nashville; that the teachers shall equip themselves by study of the books in the training course, and that the young people shall be familiar with the B. Y. P. U. Manual and quarterlies. We recommend also as necessary to the cultivation of the missionary spirit, the reading of the Home and Foreign Fields and Royal Service.

The worship in our churches demands an amply supply of song books, Baptists of Mississippi own and operate the Baptist Book Store of Jackson, Miss., which is ready to supply any book ordered.

Brother C. W. Black read the report on Religious Exercises; on motion, adopted as follows:

#### REPORT ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISES

We your committee on religious exercises, recommend that Brother J. B. Lawrence preach at 11 o'clock a. m. on Sunday morning, and that Brother J. R. Carter preach at 2 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. BLACK, Chairman.

Brother W. W. Kyzar read the report on the 75 Million Campaign, and was spoken to by him, J. P. Williams and J. R. Carter; on motion, the report was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT ON THE 75 MILLION CAMPAIGN.

The 75 Million Campaign launched by the Southern Baptists at the Convention in Atlanta, and by far the most comprehensive and massive

undertaking projected by any religious body in modern times, has been carried successfully through its initial stages. The program as outlined called for a five year budget of \$75,000.00 to be underwritten in cash and pledges the first week in December. This was largely over-subscribed during Victory week. The total subscriptions, cash and credits as reported by the Campaign Commission to the Southern Baptist Convention in Washington amounted to \$92,630,923.00.

In this campaign the denomination budgeted its work and for the first time in its history went before the churches with a well-thought out program of needs. Careful surveys had been made of all the interests fostered by Southern Baptists and after much thought and prayer the amount to be raised was apportioned among the various objects participating.

These objects with the amount they were to receive out of the 75 Million Campaign are as follows:

Foreign Missions.....	25,000,000
Home Missions.....	12,000,000
State Missions.....	11,000,000
Christian Education.....	20,000,000
Hospitals.....	4,875,000
Orphanages.....	4,586,000
Ministerials Relief.....	2,500,000

Mississippi was apportioned \$3,500,000 of the \$75,000,000 to be raised. This amount was subscribed the first day of Victory Week and before the close of the week the subscriptions had amounted to \$4,209,585. We paid during the first year of the campaign \$862,196, being one of only two states which paid more than one-fifth of their pledge the first year.

The amount raised in Mississippi for the 75 Million Campaign is to be distributed on the following percentage basis:

Foreign Missions.....	25	per cent.
Home Missions.....	16	per cent.
State Missions.....	19	per cent.
Christian Education.....	24	per cent.
Hospitals.....	5 3/10	per cent.
Orphanages.....	3	per cent.
Ministerial Relief.....	1 4/10	per cent.
Southwide Objects.....	4	per cent.
General Objects.....	1 8/10	per cent.

We call special attention to the importance of completing the task begun. We have affirmed that would put into the treasury of the Lord for denominational purposes over \$800,000 a year. We must keep our promise. We have underwritten in faith, we must redeem in cash.

We make the following recommendations:

1. That every church keep an accurate account with every subscriber to this fund, carrying forward from year to year the total amount pledged and the total amount paid on the pledge.

2. To do this we suggest that a separate treasurer be elected for this fund and that he be instructed to secure each year a record book for keeping the accounts with the members. Also that special envelopes be secured and given to the members if desired.

3. That all remittances for amounts to be included in this fund be sent to Dr. J. B. Lawrence, Cor. Sec'y. of the State Convention Board, Jackson, Miss., so that the church can get credit on the books kept at the Jackson Headquarters Office.

4. That church treasurers send out statements to subscribers showing the amount of subscription, amount of payments and amount due if any regularly, at least each quarter.

5. That all new members coming into the churches be asked to make a pledge to this fund, and all persons who have not made pledge be solicited for a cash contribution each quarter, and that they be urged to give an average of as much as other members of the church are giving.

6. That church treasurers send in to Dr. J. B. Lawrence, Cor. Sec'y all amounts for this fund in hand each month so that it can go to the objects participating, thereby saving interest to the denomination.

Respectfully submitted by the committee,

W. W. KYZER

After announcements, on motion, adjourned until 9:30 tomorrow morning.

Prayer by Brother J. P. Williams.

### THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

After song service, Prayer by Brother D. M. Lee.

The association was called to order and ready for the transaction of business.

Minutes read and approved.

On motion, the treasure of this association is hereby authorized and directed to pay to our state secretary all funds that may be in his possession after the expenses of the association.

On motion, the treasurer of this association be, and is hereby authorized and directed to pay over all funds in his possession belonging to the various institutions fostered by our State Baptist Convention.

On motion, Resolved, that the thanks of this association be, and the same are hereby tendered to the members of this church,



and to the good people of this community for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained this association.

On motion, the clerk of the association be and he is hereby authorized and directed to have as many copies of our association minutes printed as is necessary to supply each church with the number requested and that the clerk be paid the sum of twenty-five dollars for his services rendered during this session.

Brother J. A. Murray read the report on Finance,

On motion, the report was adopted as read.

The treasurer's report was read by brother, L. C. Burkett,

On motion adopted as follows.

As your treasurer I beg leave to make the following report:

Amount received from finance committee,.....	\$90.78
Disbursements:	
Womans Work.....	\$10.00
J. W. Burrow, Clerk.....	\$25.00
For Ministers .....	\$55.78

Brother R. B. Dale, read the report on Sunday Schools, and was spoken to by brethren, W. W. Kyzar, J. A. Lee, J. R. Carter, and D. M. Lee, On motion the report was adopted as follows.

#### REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

The supreme task of the Sunday School is to teach the Word of God. When the "Word" is rightly taught the result will be two-fold: The lost will be brought to know the Saviour, and the, and the saved will be taught how to serve, which is the supreme task in the Christian life. (Eph. 2-10.)

As a means to this end, several things need to be considered:

##### 1—ORGANIZATION

Organization is very vital, no school can do its best work until it is well organized, wide-awake, aggressive officers. The church should see to it that the school is put on the road to success by electing officers who will give time and study to the school.

##### 2—TRAINED TEACHERS

The task set for the school is to teach. We cannot teach what we do not know, therefore it is absolutely necessary to have teachers who are trained. Each church must face this question. The last command is to make disciples and then teach. It is an obligation that no church should treat lightly.

Each church should arrange for annual training schools and then send the officers and teachers to the Sunday School Normals held each year by our State Mission Board and Sunday Board under the direction of the Sunday School Secretary, and send workers to our Sunday School Convention and Summer Assemblies.

### 3—ENLISTMENT

We should feel our responsibility to all the people in our community and undertake, in a serious way, to bring them into our school.

### 4—REPORTS

We should see to it that our schools are correctly reported in the letter to the Association, giving full enrollment officers and statistics asked for in the letter form.

We want to urge the clerks of the Associations to get a full report from every church, if they can possibly do so, before the minutes are printed. Then have a table printed in the minutes specially for Sunday School statistics, tabulating the statistics given in the Associational letters. By all means give names and addresses of the Superintendent and Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

R. B. DOLE.

Brother L. C. Burkett read the report on the Baptist Orphanage, was spoken to by him, and J. R. Carter, on motion the report adopted as follows:

#### REPORT ON THE BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

For twenty years or more the Baptist of Mississippi have maintained and operated a home for helpless orphan children, believing this to be a Christian duty.

From the blessed results of the twenty years work, we are convinced that the Orphanage work is a work well pleasing unto him who said "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

More than a thousand children have been cared for and trained up into usefulness since the establishment of our home. Many have gone out into the world for themselves and are filling useful positions and are proving themselves good citizens and good home makers. We commend this work most heartily to the people of our churches and recommend that since the Orphanage is provided for in a financial way by the \$75,000,000 movement that the people of our churches and Sunday schools in this association shall see to it that boxes of clothing and barrels and bags of produce of all kinds, together with canned fruit, corn, peas and molasses be sent in in abundance.

I am informed by the Superintendent that they are shorter of clothing and canned goods of all kinds this year than have been in many years, and that they are buying molasses now for the first time in ten years.

Let us remember the orphan children liberally out of the things that the Lord has permitted to us. We learn that the health of the children has been good during the year, they have just passed through an epidemic of small pox, but by intelligent care and good management, only about sixteen of one hundred and sixty children had the small

pox, they are all well and sound, leaving not even the marks of the disease upon them.

Let each church in this association prepare and ship to Rev. J. R. Carter a box containing all the things that our orphan children will need that we can spare, and in our daily devotion let us remember the children and the management.

L. C. Burkett

On motion, adjourned to meet with Antioch Church, five miles East of Prentiss, on Friday before the Fourth Sunday in September 1921, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Closing Prayer, by Brother J. A. Lee.

A. H. Dale, Moderator

J. W. Burrow, Clerk.



# WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, SUNBEAMS AND B. Y. P. U.

CHURCH	PRESIDENT W. M. U.	PRESIDENT B. Y. P. U.	No. Members W. M. U.	Average Attend- ance W. M. U.	No. Members B. Y. P. U.	Total contribu- tion W. M. U.	Members Sunbeams
Antioch -----	Mrs. Zuda Purnoe, Prentiss-----	-----	17	5	-----	-----	25
Bassfield -----	Mrs. A. E. Bass, Bassfield-----	-----	13	6	-----	338 25	-----
Bethany -----	Mrs. Clara Burrow, Prentiss-----	-----	30	15	-----	-----	-----
Carson -----	-----	Miss Lucile Garner, Carson-----	-----	-----	18	-----	-----
Ebenezer -----	Mrs. S. T. Hood, Columbia-----	-----	30	26	-----	-----	-----
Hathorn -----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Hebron -----	Mrs. R. C. Berthea, New Hebron-----	J. S. Kelly, New Hebron-----	20	-----	16	-----	-----
Hepsibah -----	Mrs. John Daniels, Oakdale-----	-----	-----	12	20	-----	-----
Oak Grove -----	Mrs. Marion Brady, Prentiss-----	-----	22	12	-----	-----	-----
Phalt -----	Mrs. Mary Thompson, Mt. Olive-----	-----	25	12	-----	-----	-----
Prentiss -----	Mrs. J. A. Lee, Prentiss-----	-----	32	10	52	-----	40
Society Hill -----	Mrs. Dilla Williamson, Oakvale-----	Clyde Smith, Prentiss-----	25	21	-----	84 15	-----
Victory -----	Mrs. W. S. Strahn, Collins-----	-----	17	9	-----	471 39	-----
Whiteand -----	Mrs. R. B. Dale, Prentiss-----	-----	68	40	-----	-----	-----

# SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

CHURCH	SUPERINTENDENT	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Total Enrollment	Church Members in Schol	Officers and Teachers with Diplomas	No. Baptisms from School
Antioch -----	W. J. Barnes, Prentiss -----	6	27	33	18	NONE	3
Bassfield -----	J. P. Dear, Bassfield -----	7	106	113	75		
Bethany -----							
Carson -----	W. J. Izard, Carson -----	7	42	49	30		19
Ebenezer -----	S. T. Hood, Columbia -----	8	60	68	39	2	
Hathorn -----	J. W. Stamps, Hathorn -----	7	38	45	30		2
Hebron -----	W. C. Hutchins, New Hebron -----	7	40	47	20		15
Hepstbal -----	Frank Branton, Oakdale -----						
Oak Grove -----	George Smith, Silver Creek -----	6	44	50	40		6
Phaktl -----	H. D. Booth, Mt. Olive -----	6	69	75	60		
Phalt -----	C. E. Thompson, Prentiss -----	11	138	149		5	21
Society Hill -----	H. C. Williamson, Oakvale -----	6	70	76	40		8
Victory -----	Ralph McRaney, Collins -----	6	22	28			
Whitesand -----	T. J. Lee, Silver Creek -----	9	99	108	90		16

# FINANCIAL REPORT.

CHURCH	Pastors Salary	Visiting Min. and Singer	Pastor's Asst. and Organist	Building Repairs and Debts	S. S., B. Y. P. U. Expense	Local Poor	Assn. Work	Objects not Classified	Total Home Expense	75 Million Budget	Grand Total All Objects
Antioch	142 25	51 07		34 13			5 00		232 45	1865 00	2097 45
Bassfield	300 00	92 38			31 95	6 80		19 00	450 13	792 28	1242 41
Bethany	208 25	69 62	35 00			22 66	5 00	40 00	380 53	786 50	1167 03
Carson	126 50	36 35		20 00	33 00		5 00	23 12	243 97	86 90	330 87
Ebenezer	300 00	90 25	6 00				7 00	29 00	432 25	341 25	773 25
Hathorn	250 00	66 00			6 20		6 90		334 10	233 25	567 35
Hebron	325 00	85 00	21 00	8 20	13 00		10 00		462 00	1840 23	2302 23
Hepsibah	250 00	80 20	7 06			45 00	3 00		386 27	380 00	766 27
Oak Grove	200 00	40 00			38 82	65 00	2 00	44 90	390 72	232 12	640 30
Phalti	300 00	57 71			25 00		5 00	30 40	413 11	531 54	944 65
Prentiss	598 50	131 00	60 00	267 00			10 00	474 65	1541 15	1827 65	3652 60
Society Hill	183 60	79 16					5 00	11 42	279 18	619 75	898 93
Victory	28 00	20 00							48 00		48 00
Whitesand	300 00	71 00		1441 50	31 68		5 00		1849 73	1239 80	3089 53



